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WASHINGTON—SONG.

Remember the day when the chains of slavery

Were broken under Liberty's arm;

Remember the hours of virtue and glory,

That gathered around her in darkness and storm.

Paint fell the beams of light,

On oppression's gloomy night,

When 'mid the clouds of war,

Bright beams from Heaven's star,

To guide her weak steps from the ranks of despair,

And with firmness and glory to cheer her there.

Oh! remember the light from one spirit beaming,

On all that was sinking to ruin then,

When peace, from whose bosom the red blood was streaming,

In tears flew away from tyranny's den:

'Twas the soul of Washington,

'Twas the deeds he had done,

The power of his name,

Renowned Liberty from shame;

Heave and din of the battle to cease,

And restore to our plains the bright angel of peace.

For the red field of war be the banner extended,

The white robe of truth dipp'd in patriot gore,

Where the bright stars of morning their brilliancy blend,

In tokens that night should be ruled no more.

Columbia's sons, behold!

The mighty flag unfold,

And around its standard fly,

Ready to go or die!

With valor on thy rock—the price is now their own;

For Liberty triumphs—while slavery hath flown.

Oh! long live HIS name, in the annals of story,

The bravest and best of the sons of the earth;

And encircled with gratitude, honor and glory,

Long be remembered the day of his birth.

Hail to the glorious day,

Hail! hail! America!

She owes the glory won,

To her guardian WASHINGTON!

By Heaven directed, he led her from shame,

As new star with wealth, independence and fame.

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THE SOLDIER'S DEATH.

The soldier was laid on his low bed,

And the hand of death was near,

His knapsack was placed beneath his head,

And his blood was on his bed.

His glassy eyes toward Heaven were set,

And the cheeks of the dying man were wet.

But not with one weak tear,

No! the storm without was roaring now,

And his tent was drenched with rain.

And the big drops that fell on his pallid brow,

Cooled the burning of his brain.

The storm-pipe roared the soldier played—

And the lightning rested on his blade.

The soldier's breath was speeding fast,

But O, his eye was bright:

For he had heard the roaring blast,

The clashing of the fight.

The flashing steel and the gallant gay plume,

Waved, nodded, and fell in his eyesight's gloom,

And the battle seemed at its height—

His eyes they burned with widest gleam,

And his spirit rushed forth to join the fray;

It fled as his lips sighed, Victory!

His head was down—and a curse he lay—

The spirit that rushed to the fight in the morn,

To the skies on the dark wings of midnight was borne.

ATMER.

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THE WISH.

Some calm and undisturbed rest I'll choose,

Dear to myself and friend. Perhaps, the Muse

May grant, while all my thoughts her charms employ

Her future fancies present joy.

Stations of life, yet free from anxious care,

To others, calm, to myself, secure;

Peace, subsiding to the sovereign will,

Gifted on the good and patient of the ill.

My life's a tale of woes, plagues, all my own,

Alike to envy and to love unknown,

Such in some bliss of rest I've let me see,

Take of my fill of life and wait, not wish to die.

JUNUS.

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HYPOCHONDRIA'S DESCRIPTION OF HIMSELF, TAKEN NEARLY VERBATIM FROM HIS OWN MOUTH.

"I have no soul; I have neither heart, liver, nor lungs; nor any thing at all in my body; no drop of blood in my veins. My bones are all burnt to a cinder. I have no brain; and my head is a swelling mass of iron and sometimes as soft as a pudding." A fellow patient, at once his physician, amused himself in verifying this affectingly ludicrous description, in the following lines:

A miracle, my friends, come view,

A man, almost his own words true,

Who lives without a soul;

Nor liver, lungs, nor heart has he,

Yet sometimes can as cheerful be

As if he had the whole.

His head (take his own words along)

Now hard as iron, yet ere long

As soft as any jelly;

All burst his veins, and his lungs;

Of his complaints, not fifty tongues

Could find enough to tell ye.

Yet he who paints his likeness here,

Has just as much himself to fear—

He's wrong from top to toe—

Ab, friends! pray help us, if you can,

And make us each again a man,

That we from hence may go.

Description of the Retreat, page 97.

REASON AND THE PASSIONS.

Formed in pure celestial fashion,

From a piece of mother earth;

Warmed by many a glowing Passion,

Man in Eden took his birth.

Love was lovely, Anger bold,

Joy all heavenly and serene;

Fear was fatal and lowly,

Hope lit all the future scene.

Every passion shed a pleasure

Through the pure unclouded soul;

Each shrouded in rank and measure,

Heavenly Reason swayed the whole.

Satan came, and whispered treason

All against her gentle day;

Then the Passions spurned at Reason,

And they wandered each their way.

Love show'd Folly, Anger Madness,

Fear had Guilt to be his guide;

Hope walked arm in arm with Madness,

Hope had Envy at her side.

Reason wandered all forsaken;

When she sang her sweetest song,

Not a Passion would attend on Reason,

Through the misty morning throng.

Blind to her celestial beauty,

Deaf to her celestial strains,

Shedding every ray of duty,

They trod along the world's dark plains.

Turn, ye wanderers—list to Reason!

Sad—ye will be happy then;

You have walked in woe a season,

Stinging all the breasts of men.

Reason, or Religion, calls you,

Let your wayward wanderings cease;

Then whatever ill befalls you,

All your influence will be pure.

Hope and Fear and Anger yield;

Canst pass, but here must die;

But Love and Joy entwined will wander

O'er the bright fields of the sky.

So the mortal Passions e'er

Will quit man below,

And the deathless Passions never

Come in heavenly souls to glow.

THE MORALIST.

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ON HAPPINESS.

And the Autobiography of Human Greatness.

That riches and greatness can never make any

individual happy, is a fact fully established by the

writings of inspiration, and the lessons of experience.

Solomon possessed a wisdom derived directly

from his Creator. He enjoyed more riches than

any single individual that lived either before or

since his day—he had the means of procuring

every pleasure, and fully satisfying every desire

of his heart; but, after possessing all these ad-

vantages—after he had left no means untried to

purchase happiness, he exclaimed, in the language

of experience, "Vanity of vanities—all is vanity

and vexation of spirit."

Napoleon, an obscure Corsican, was raised to

the imperial purple, and for a long time swayed

the sceptre of France. He raised the nation to a

pitch of glory and splendour, far exceeding that

of any nation of Europe—the armies he brought

into the field, exceeded those brought by any

other ruler of France; and he had nearly succeeded

in imposing upon Europe a belief, (which he

himself probably entertained,) that he was invin-

cible. But, alas! how fleeting is human great-

ness! His enemies succeeded, partly by the force

of arms, in effecting his downfall; and removing

him to the Island of Elba; where, shortly afterwards,

he conceived the bold design of recovering the

throne of France, with a handful of men, in which

he finally succeeded. Europe again, jealous of

the nation, and of his glory, raised the standard

of hostility; and quickly after, a battle ensued at

Waterloo, which completed the overthrow of his

illustrious career. After hastening to Paris with

the tidings of his own misfortune, he fled to Roch-

fort, from whence he surrendered to Captain

Maithland, on board the British ship Bellerophon,

and was shortly afterwards conveyed to the Island

of St. Helena, where he ended his days.

This is a striking instance of the mutability

of human greatness, still fresh in the memory of all;

and a convincing proof that perfect happiness is

not to be found in riches or honours. In what

then does true happiness consist? True happi-

ness is only to be found in religion.

"Thou shalt love God with all thy heart, with all

thy strength, with all thy mind, and with all thy

power; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Christian, on whom adversity and affliction

has fallen heavy, and who scarce one day knows

from whence his next day's provisions are to come,

would not exchange the happiness he enjoys in

communion with his Saviour and his God, to wear

the princely diadem, and sway the sceptre of a

kingdom, if thereby he should be deprived of the

hope which he, in his former poverty had enjoy-

ed. If religion is the only happiness we can pos-

sess, (and that is a lasting one,) let us all endeav-

our to obtain it. A. W. J.

Peculiar support to a faithful tried Minister.

A person, having been called of God to the

important work of preaching to dying

men the unsearchable riches of Christ,

through extreme diffidence of his abilities,

and having preached for several years,

seemingly to little purpose, came to a res-

olution to preach no more. Happening

to be much straitened in his sermon on

Lord's day afternoon, and drinking tea af-

terwards with some Christian friends, he

hinted his intention to them, declaring

that he could not preach that evening—

"They represented the disappointment it

must be to a large congregation who were

assembling together, as no other minister

could possibly be procured then to supply

his place, and therefore they begged that

he would try once more. He replied, that

it was in vain to argue with him, for he

was quite determined not to preach any

more. Just at the instant, a person knocked

at the door, and being admitted, she proved

to be a good old experienced Christian, who

lived at a considerable distance, and she

said, she came on purpose to desire Mr.

to preach that evening from a particu-

lar passage of scripture; and said she

could not account for it, but she could not

be happy without coming from home to

desire it might be preached from that

evening. Being asked what the text was,

she said she could not tell where it was,

but the words were these: "Then I

said, I will speak no more in his name,

but his word was as a fire shut up in my

house, and I was weary with forbearing,

and I could not stay."

This extraordinary circumstance so

stuck the preacher, that he submitted to

preach from these words that evening;

and experiencing much liberty, has con-

tinued in the work ever since, with won-

derful success and comfort.

REFLECTIONS.

Where there is wisdom there will be good tem-

per, calmness and cheerfulness.

There are too many women who lose their con-

sequence by building it on qualities insufficient

to support it; dress and show will never long cap-

tivate any but superficial minds. The reign of

youth and beauty is necessarily short. Mere vi-

ciety may amuse in a girl, but in a woman cannot

give lasting delight; and trifling accomplishments

are too feeble to fix the heart.

Never reprove any one in public, though you

have a right to correct them; for this, however,

well meant, will be so ill timed, that it will appear

as if you hated them, rather than their foibles and

faults.

If you have no fortune, take care so to live as

to deserve one: to do always what is right and

honourable, is the way to open the eyes of the

blind goddess at last.

Think not of doing as you like,—the expression

characterizes the headstrong; the unjust. Do as

you ought to—'tis a golden precept; Pythagoras

has not a richer.

Women owe their power more to their tears

than their beauty; they are the true feminine

arms with which they conquer men whom the

sword could never subdue.

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Workip Compendium.

A young physician in the neighbourhood of Montreal, was recently detected in robbing the grave. When discovered, he had in his possession eight bodies which had recently been interred. The inhabitants permitted him to depart, after he had replaced the bodies in their tranquil mansion.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Bill has passed the Senate of Maryland.

Extreme Cold.—On the 5th of February, the thermometer, Fahrenheit's scale, was 40 and a half degrees below zero, at the telegraph, on Cape Diamond, Quebec. This telegraphic station is near 400 feet above the level of the St. Lawrence.

Robbery.—A few days since, a pedlar, named Finn, was robbed of \$1800, at a 'gambling shop,' in Rochester, N. Y. Hull, Johnston, and Butterfield, notorious villains, have been committed to Rochester jail, on a charge of committing the robbery.

The "Orphan Asylum," of New-York, has been established eighteen years. The number that have been relieved by the charity of this institution, is 3080. The present number of inmates 160—94 boys, 66 girls. As soon as the children arrive to a proper age they are bound apprentices to some suitable employment.

Letters.—It is stated in the New York Gazette, that nearly eight thousand ship letters were deposited in the Post office of that city on Saturday last; four thousand of which were mailed. The John Wells from Liverpool brought 1600.

Capt. GARLAND has received another substantial testimony of the high opinion entertained by his fellow citizens, of his bravery in defending the schooner *Tattler*, from his mutinous crew some time since. The Salem Commercial Insurance Company have presented him with a silver pitcher, and six silver tumblers, as a testimony of their opinion of his conduct in that affair.

A letter from Norfolk of the 13th inst. says, "The U. S. ship John Adams, has gone into Hampton Roads. The squadron under the command of Com. Porter, is expected to sail in a few days."

The grand total of the Population of Lower Canada is 477,465. The Catholics are in number 354,411. The Clergy and Nuns in Quebec, 217; in Montreal 180.

To guard against the introduction of the small-pox into Savannah, the board of health of that city require all vessels coming from the ports of New-York, Philadelphia or Baltimore to come to Five Fathom, and there remain until they receive authority to proceed to the city.

Ferry Charge.—The proprietors of the Charleston and Augusta Stages, politely invite passengers to take seats at either of the above places gratis, for which favour they pledge themselves to run the distance in 29 hours and 39 minutes.

At the February term of Oyer and Terminer, held at Angelica, in New York, Daniel W. Howe, was tried for the murder of Othello Church. Howe was found guilty, on strong circumstantial evidence, and sentenced to be executed on the 19th of March.

On the 11th inst. the office of Mr. Caleb Pond, brewer, of Hartford, Ct. was entered during a few minutes absence of Mr. P. and robbed of a trunk containing about \$600.

The Auctioneers of the city of Boston have paid the sum of \$319 75 into the State Treasury, being the amount of duties for the year 1823.

The annual taxes imposed by the City Councils of New York, exceed \$300,000.

Mr. Poby made his appearance on the 16th January at the New Orleans Theatre, in the character of Macbeth—he was engaged for six nights.

A Lawyer in a county in the state of Maryland, advertises that he is always to be found at his Office or the Tavern. We presume he is well acquainted with the tastes and habits of his clients, and knows where they are most likely to be found in jocular humour.

The Board of Directors of the Bank of Kentucky, have determined on withdrawing all their branches except those of Louisville and Lexington. Measures have been adopted to render this regulation as little inconvenient to debtors as possible, whilst it will save a considerable sum in the expenses of the Bank.

The bill brought before the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, which provided, that the Presidential electors should be chosen by the people, has been rejected by a large majority.

The Legislature of Upper Canada has unanimously passed a vote of protest against the important decision of the Commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent, giving to the United States a considerable portion of the River St. Lawrence, and against the cession of the Free navigation of its waters by the people of the United States.

An application has been made by the West India colonists, through a deputation, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer of England, praying for a reduction of the duties on sugar and rum. It was expected, that the request of the colonists would be acceded to.

In the neighbourhood of Worcester, Massachusetts, the value of the coal lately discovered there, is daily becoming more appreciated. It is found in great quantities, and is pronounced to be of an excellent quality.

The young ladies of the Lexington (Ken.) Female Academy, have held a meeting and passed sundry resolutions in favor of Grecian emancipation, and have likewise prepared an address to the young ladies of the West.

On Wednesday last, in the Senate of this state, a bill passed a second reading, allowing \$1000 to the Philadelphia Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, (Seix's) as an indemnification for expenses incurred in educating poor children in that institution.

Captain McCurdy, who arrived at Baltimore on Friday last, in 30 days from Laguna, states that the markets at that place were dull for flour and other American produce. A few days before leaving Laguna, a British sloop of war arrived with a Consul on board, who was to proceed to Bogota.

Salt water springs have been discovered in Susquehanna county of this state. After the perforation of a solid rock to the depth of four hundred and twenty feet, salt water was found in abundance, and equal in quality to that of any spring in the country. It is presumed that this discovery will prove a source of great convenience and wealth to this part of the state.

The brig *James Lawrence*, Philadelphia, was attacked going into Nevis, by a barge with 10 men, and after an engagement of a few minutes, succeeded in beating them off.

From the Paris Journal du Commerce, December 18. "We were wrong in announcing the election of General Jackson to the presidency of the United States. The President will not be chosen until the second of December, 1824, to enter upon his functions on the fourth of March, 1825, at the end of the second presidency of Mr. Monroe."

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